

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: By Chairman Scott Mendenhall, on January 15, 2007
at 9:00 A.M., in Room 172 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Scott Mendenhall, Chairman (R)
Rep. Jim Keane, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Mike Milburn, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R)
Rep. Shannon Augare (D)
Rep. Scott Boggio (R)
Rep. Ernie Dutton (R)
Rep. Kevin T. Furey (D)
Rep. Ralph Heinert (R)
Rep. Llew Jones (R)
Rep. Harry Klock (R)
Rep. Michele Reinhart (D)
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)
Rep. Bill Thomas (D)
Rep. Kendall Van Dyk (D)
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Bart Campbell, Legislative Branch
Nancy Kraft, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 29, 1/8/2007; HB 137, 1/8/2007;
HB 141, 1/8/2007
Executive Action: None

HEARING ON HB 137

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:03:21 D. Villa (D), HD 86, opened the hearing on HB 137,
Revise microbusiness development law.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:53 Quinn Ness, Department of Commerce
00:05:43 Rep. Jones

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:07:00 Rep. Milburn
00:07:15 Mr. Ness
00:07:59 Rep. Dutton
00:08:14 Mr. Ness
00:09:21 Rep. Mendenhall
00:09:31 Mr. Ness

Closing by Sponsor:

00:10:52 Rep. Villa

HEARING ON HB 29

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:12:13 Rep. John Parker (D), HD 23, opened the hearing on HB
29, Generally revise laws on title and pay day loans.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:18:42 Mike McGrath, Attorney General, State of Montana
[EXHIBIT \(buh09a01\)](#)
00:23:27 Rep. Augare
00:26:33 Tara Veazey, Attorney, Missoula
00:30:18 Derf Johnson, Montana Public Interest Research Group
[EXHIBIT \(buh09a02\)](#)
00:32:55 Deborah Anspach, Attorney, Montana Children & Family
Advocacy Program
[EXHIBIT \(buh09a03\)](#)
00:36:09 Donna Stewart

00:38:26 Holly Franz, Montana Society of Certified Public Accountants

EXHIBIT (buh09a04)

00:39:29 Judy Reel, Montana Association of Churches

00:41:05 Alex Ward, Associate State Director, American Association of Retired Persons

EXHIBIT (buh09a05)

00:41:56 Susan Kidd, Working for Equality & Economic Liberation (WEEL)

00:43:08 Julia Vincent, Board of Directors, WEEL

00:44:52 Lindsay Deahlin

EXHIBIT (buh09a06)

00:45:30 Rachael Roberts, Montana Family Foundation

00:46:18 Tom Jacobson, Executive Director, Consumer Credit Counseling Service

EXHIBIT (buh09a07)

00:47:31 Shawn White Wolf

00:49:04 Beth Brenneman, Montana Advocacy Program

Opponents' Testimony:

00:49:32 Jeff Mangan

00:57:16 Tony Longin, B & B Loan Rental

00:58:23 Rosemary LaRusso, Money Lender's

00:59:07 Bernie Harrington, President, Montana Financial Service Centers Association

EXHIBIT (buh09a08)

01:11:28 Samantha Cook, Cash Advantage

01:12:21 Roberta Crossguns, Cash Advantage

01:15:10 Todd Coutts, Advance Finance

01:18:15 John McCloskey, Attorney, Select Management Resources

EXHIBIT (buh09a09)

01:20:32 Cindy Edward

01:20:50 Dean Ostrander

01:21:05 Diane Taffroy

01:21:17 Darla Agtarap

01:21:25 Judy Will

01:21:31 Cindy Bertsch

01:21:52 Cherie Yudiski

01:22:02 Riley Johnson, Community Financial Services Association

01:22:11 Sue Follett

01:22:19 Maxie Shumate

01:22:31 Nathan Peterson

01:22:43 Shelly Gould

01:22:52 J. D. Lynch, Montana State Financial Centers Association

Informational Testimony:

01:23:16 Annie Goodwin, Commissioner of Banking and Financial
Institutions

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:24:44 Rep. Keane
01:25:04 Mr. Harrington
01:26:48 Rep. Keane
01:27:00 Ms. Goodwin
01:27:49 Rep. Van Dyk
01:28:23 Mr. Harrington
01:29:33 Rep. Arntzen
01:30:11 Rep. Parker
01:31:13 Pam Bucy, Asst. Attorney General, Department of Justice
01:33:30 Rep. Arntzen
01:33:35 Ms. Bucy
01:34:16 Rep. Heinert
01:35:11 Rep. Parker
01:35:34 Mr. McGrath
01:36:13 Rep. Milburn
01:36:40 Ms. Goodwin
01:39:53 Rep. Milburn
01:40:23 Rep. Parker
01:42:07 Rep. Stahl
01:42:35 Ms. Goodwin
01:44:27 Rep. Furey
01:44:53 Ms. Bucy
01:45:42 Rep. Furey
01:46:01 Ms. Goodwin
01:46:33 Rep. Furey
01:46:47 Mr. Harrington
01:49:04 Rep. Reinhart
01:49:29 Mr. Jacobson
01:50:59 Rep. Dutton
01:52:24 Mr. McGrath
01:53:47 Rep. Dutton
01:54:07 Mr. Harrington
01:55:09 Rep. Keane
01:55:32 Ms. Bucy
01:58:32 Rep. Windy Boy
01:58:52 Ms. Goodwin
01:59:58 Rep. Jones
02:00:18 Mr. Harrington
02:02:05 Rep. Jones
02:02:35 Ms. Goodwin
02:03:55 Rep. Furey
02:04:40 Ms. Bucy
02:07:31 Rep. Mendenhall
02:08:07 Mr. Lynch

Closing by Sponsor:

02:08:57 Rep. Parker

02:13:19 Break

HEARING ON HB 141

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:31:17 Rep. Hal Jacobson (D), HD 82, opened the hearing on HB 141, Generally revise Montana consumer loan act.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:32:32 Annie Goodwin, Commissioner of Banking & Financial Institutions

02:55:41 Jerry Loendorf, Montana Consumer Finance Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:58:05 Rep. Augare

02:59:00 Ms. Goodwin

03:01:30 Rep. Heinert

03:02:10 Ms. Goodwin

03:05:27 Rep. Dutton

03:06:04 Ms. Goodwin

03:10:43 Rep. Boggio

03:11:31 Ms. Goodwin

03:12:14 Rep. Milburn

03:13:06 Ms. Goodwin

03:13:57 Rep. Keane

03:14:28 Ms. Goodwin

03:15:19 Rep. Heinert

03:15:50 Ms. Goodwin

03:16:40 Rep. Reinhart

03:16:55 Ms. Goodwin

Closing by Sponsor:

03:17:19 Rep. Jacobson

ADJOURNMENT

03:17:44 Adjournment: 12:18 P.M.

REP. SCOTT MENDENHALL, Chairman

NANCY KRAFT, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

[EXHIBIT \(buh09a10\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(buh09a11\)](#)

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